

Amendments to the Claims:

Prior to the present communication, claims 1–38 were pending in the subject application. Claims 27-38 have been amended herein. Accordingly, claims 1–38 remain pending. All claims currently pending and under consideration in the above-identified application are shown below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A system for automatically fulfilling orders for clinically related supplies, comprising:

an interface to a supply chain engine, the supply chain engine automatically generating at least one order for clinically related supplies based upon supply consumption data derived from documentation of at least one clinical event reported from at least one clinically related site, the supply consumption data including items used and/or consumed during the at least one clinical event; and

a fulfillment engine, communicating with the interface to the supply chain engine, the fulfillment engine triggering delivery of clinically related supplies based at least upon the at least one order for clinically related supplies.

2. (Original) A system according to claim 1, wherein the clinically related site comprises at least one of a hospital facility, a research facility and a government facility.

3. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1, wherein the supply consumption data further includes at least one of clinically available quantities of surgical devices, clinically available quantities of pharmaceuticals and clinically available quantities of consumable material.

4. (Original) A system according to claim 1, wherein the supply chain engine generates the at least one clinical supply order based upon at least one clinical quantity threshold.

5. (Original) A system according to claim 1, wherein the at least one order for clinically related supplies comprises a purchase order.

6. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1, wherein the supply consumption data further includes supply codes captured in the at least one clinically related site.

7. (Original) A system according to claim 6, wherein the supply codes comprise at least one of optically scanned bar codes, radio frequency identification codes and manually entered codes.

8. (Original) A system according to claim 1, wherein the at least one order comprises a plurality of orders, and the fulfillment engine aggregates the orders for clinically related supplies for delivery.

9. (Original) A system according to claim 8, wherein the orders for clinically related supplies are aggregated for a plurality of clinical departments.

10. (Original) A system according to claim 1, wherein the at least one order for clinically related supplies is associated with an individual patient supply record.

11. (Original) A system according to claim 1, wherein the fulfillment engine triggers delivery of the at least one order for clinically related supplies based upon the at least one order for clinically related supplies and upon a set of rules.

12. (Original) A system according to claim 11, wherein the set of rules comprises a set of selectors based at least upon patient condition information, patient demographic information and supply location information.

13. (Original) A system according to claim 1, wherein the fulfillment engine is local to the at least one clinically related site.

14. (Original) A system according to claim 1, wherein the fulfillment engine is remote from the at least one clinically related site.

15. (Previously Presented) A method for automatically fulfilling orders for clinically related supplies, comprising:

automatically generating at least one order for clinically related supplies based supply consumption data derived from documentation of at least one clinical event from at least one clinically related site, the supply consumption data including items used and/or consumed during the at least one clinical event; and triggering delivery of clinically related supplies based at least upon the at least one order for clinically related supplies.

16. (Original) A method according to claim 15, wherein the clinically related site comprises at least one of a hospital facility, a research facility and a government facility.

17. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 15, wherein the supply consumption data further includes at least one of clinically available quantities of surgical devices, clinically available quantities of pharmaceuticals and clinically available quantities of consumable material.

18. (Original) A method according to claim 15, wherein the step of automatically generating at least one order comprises a step of generating the at least one clinical supply order based upon at least one clinical quantity threshold.

19. (Original) A method according to claim 15, wherein the at least one order for clinically related supplies comprises a purchase order.

20. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 15, wherein the supply consumption data comprises supply codes captured in the at least one clinically related site.

21. (Original) A method according to claim 20, wherein the supply codes comprise at least one of optically scanned bar codes, radio frequency identification codes and manually entered codes.

22. (Original) A method according to claim 15, wherein the at least one order comprises a plurality of orders, further comprising a step of aggregating the orders for clinically related supplies for delivery.

23. (Original) A method according to claim 22, wherein the orders for clinically related supplies are aggregated for a plurality of clinical departments.

24. (Original) A method according to claim 15, further comprising a step of associating the at least one order for clinically related supplies with an individual patient supply record.

25. (Original) A method according to claim 15, wherein the triggering of delivery of the at least one order for clinically related supplies comprises triggering delivery based upon the at least one order for clinically related supplies and upon a set of rules.

26. (Original) A method according to claim 25, wherein the set of rules comprises a set of selectors based at least upon patient condition information, patient demographic information and supply location information.

27. (Currently Amended) A method for generating a ~~A~~ set of clinically related supplies generated for delivery, ~~the set of clinically related supplies being generated by a method~~ comprising:

automatically generating at least one order for clinically related supplies based upon supply consumption data derived from documentation of at least one clinical event from at least one clinically related site, the supply consumption data including items used and/or consumed during the at least one clinical event; and triggering delivery of clinically related supplies based at least upon the at least one order for clinically related supplies.

28. (Currently Amended) The method ~~A set of clinically related supplies~~ according to claim 27, wherein the clinically related site comprises at least one of a hospital facility, a research facility and a government facility.

29. (Currently Amended) The method ~~A set of clinically related supplies~~ according to claim 27, wherein the supply consumption data further includes at least one of clinically available quantities of surgical devices, clinically available quantities of pharmaceuticals and clinically available quantities of consumable material.

30. (Currently Amended) The method ~~A set of clinically related supplies~~ according to claim 27, wherein the step of automatically generating at least one order comprises a step of generating the at least one clinical supply order based upon at least one clinical quantity threshold.

31. (Currently Amended) The method ~~A set of clinically related supplies~~ according to claim 27, wherein the at least one order for clinically related supplies comprises a purchase order.

32. (Currently Amended) The method ~~A set of clinically related supplies~~ according to claim 27, wherein the supply consumption data further includes supply codes captured in the at least one clinically related site.

33. (Currently Amended) The method ~~A set of clinically related supplies~~ according to claim 32, wherein the supply codes comprise at least one of optically scanned bar codes, radio frequency identification codes and manually entered codes.

34. (Currently Amended) The method ~~A set of clinically related supplies~~ according to claim 27, wherein the at least one order comprises a plurality of orders, and the method further comprises a step of aggregating the orders for clinically related supplies for delivery.

35. (Currently Amended) The method ~~A set of clinically related supplies~~ according to claim 34, wherein the orders for clinically related supplies are aggregated for a plurality of clinical departments.

36. (Currently Amended) The method ~~A set of clinically related supplies~~ according to claim 27, wherein the method further comprises a step of associating the at least one order for clinically related supplies with an individual patient supply record.

37. (Currently Amended) The method ~~A set of clinically related supplies~~ according to claim 27, wherein the triggering of delivery of the at least one order for clinically related supplies comprises triggering delivery based upon the at least one order for clinically related supplies and upon a set of rules.

38. (Currently Amended) The method ~~A set of clinically related supplies~~ according to claim 37, wherein the set of rules comprises a set of selectors based at least upon patient condition information, patient demographic information and supply location information.